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For: Coupling Assembly

## **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and guided by 37 CFR 1.97 - 1.99, applicants respectfully submit the following information including any required copies of the documents listed on the attached form.

With respect to "Current 5X20 Load Center Cover Latch", and "Latch Prior Art", both documents relate to latch mechanisms which were in production and commercially available before the invention of the subject matter of the present invention.

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